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As you reflect on the kings and the chaos through history and in our current world what does it mean to you to know that God is in charge, and everything is unfolding according to his plan?

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